



Poetry Ideas Expansion Chart



Name: _____ Date: _____

- 1) Circle 5 key words, or groups of words (no more than 3 words in a row) from your science research paragraphs. They should be interesting words, that you want to use in your poems.
- 2) Add them to the keyword boxes, below.
- 3) Write some expansion words in the boxes beside them, that better describe your key words. They will paint clear visual pictures of your key words. There are some ideas at the bottom of the worksheet.
- 4) This is a race, so work quickly at this point, and have some fun!

Key words:	Expansion words:

Ideas for expansion:

- adjectives (something that explains something about a noun: **which? what kind? how many?**)
- adverbs (something that explains something about a verb: **how? when? where? how often?, to what degree?**)
- synonyms (**word with the same meaning**),
- similies (a comparison between two unlike things **using "like" or "as"**) or
- metaphors (a comparison between two unlike things without using "like" or "as"),
- **rhyming words**,
- **alliteration** (repetition of the first sound in a group of words),
- describe the key words using the senses (**What do you see, hear, smell, feel, taste when you hear this word?**).

Begin to paint visual pictures with your words. You could **use a dictionary** to look up synonyms for your words. Do not worry if you do not know what some of these terms mean now: you are just at the "stretching stage". The terms will be explained once you start the poetry marathon "racing" stage.